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A NEW HUMMINGBIRD OF THE GENUS *CHLOROS-*
TILBON FROM BRAZIL.

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While arranging the collection of hummingbirds belonging to the U. S. National Museum, I ran across three specimens belonging to the genus *Chlorostilbon* that I have been unable to identify and have reached the conclusion that they belong to an undescribed species. It may be known as :

***Chlorostilbon puruensis* sp. nov.**

Type.—U. S. National Museum, No. 177,034, adult male, Hyutanihan, just below falls of the Purus River, Brazil, March 24, 1910. Collected by J. B. Steere.

Characters.—Differs from *Chlorostilbon prasinus daphne* in the darker tone of the green above, in the bluish tinge on the chin, in the brighter and more brilliant green below, in the longer bill, which is also brownish on the lower mandible (black in *C. p. daphne*), and in having a longer tail.

Description.—Above bright green with coppery reflections, duller on the top of the head and upper tail-coverts; chin bluish green; throat, breast and abdomen brilliant, shining coppery green; the belly and flanks with some white cottony feathers, mostly concealed; under tail-coverts nearest bottle green; tail steel blue; wing coverts color of the back; flight feathers purplish blue; upper mandible black, lower mandible brownish, except at extreme tip (probably dull reddish in life). Wing, 47.5; tail, 29; culmen, 18 mm.

Remarks.—This fine species is founded upon an immature and two adult males, all from the type locality. The other adult is molting and somewhat duller than the type; the culmen measures 19.5 mm. Five adult males of *C. p. daphne* average: wing, 46.1; tail, 21.8; culmen, 16.1 mm. I have not a specimen of typical *C. p. prasinus*, but judging from descriptions and the closely related forms, the species is quite distinct. Lesson's type of *Ornismya prasina* most likely came from the coast of Brazil and not from the interior.